

31. (Amended) The chamber according to claim 29, wherein said second array component is a fiber optic bunch.

32. (Amended) The chamber according to claim 29 further comprising at least one alignment feature, wherein said at least one alignment feature facilitates alignment of said lid with said base plate.

34. (Amended) The chamber according to claim 29, wherein said chamber is connected to at least one fluid handling device.

REMARKS

Claims 13-18 and 29-34 are pending and claims 13-18 and 29-34 stand rejected in the instant application. The Examiner has acknowledged Applicant's election without traverse of Group III, claims 13-18. The Examiner has also considered the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 21, 2001.

Claims 15 and 32 have been amended; support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example on page 16, lines 16-31. Claim 16 has been amended; support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example on page 16, lines 16-31, as well as in the originally filed claim 15. Claim 17 has been amended for clarity; no new matter was added. Claims 18 and 34 have been amended; support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, for example on page 18, lines 29-31. Claim 30 and 31 have been amended for clarity; no new matter was added. A version showing changes made is attached for the Examiner's convenience. In addition, an appendix of pending claims is attached herein for the Examiner's convenience.